

Marblehead School Committee - Bargaining Subcommittee

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The Marblehead School Committee Bargaining Sub-committee (Sub-committee) met with the Marblehead Education Association (Union) for its fourth mediation session totaling 34.5 hours of mediation since Saturday morning.

The Sub-committee offered again to provide the Unions core bargaining team (up to 15 members) paid release time to attend mediation until contracts are reached if the Union would cancel its strike as has been ordered.

The Sub-committee presented comprehensive package proposals for four of the five units this afternoon. The Union presented one package proposal for Custodians after 2:30 pm that was a take it or leave it proposal that expired at 5 pm.

Following the Union having left mediation to attend a rally at Abbot Hall which started at 5:30 and the Union returned in time to hold a press conference outside the Marblehead High School at 7:30 while the Mediators and Sub-committee awaited replies from proposals inside. The Sub-Committee left at 9:45 after realizing the Mediator and Union both left Mediation without informing the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-committee and Union were directed to reconvene tomorrow, Thursday November 14<sup>th</sup>.